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SUBJECT: GOM DISMISSES PINOCHET OFFER TO SEND 200

POLITICAL PRISONERS TO MEXICO

REF: SANTIAGO'S 0034

1. FONSEC RABASA TOLD NEWSMEN YESTERDAY THAT GOM HAD RECEIVED ABSOLUTELY NO OFFICIAL WORD FROM CHILEAN JUNTA CONFIRMING OFFER MADE BY GEN. PINOCHET TO SEND 200 POLITICAL PRISONERS TO ASYLUM IN MEXICO. RABASA SAID HE KNEW NOTHING MORE THAN WHAT HAD APPEARED IN WIRE STORIES FROM SANTIAGO REPORTING REMARKS MADE BY PINOCHET IN YEAR-END SPEECH TO NATION.

2. FOREIGN SECRETARIAT SPOKESMAN MEANWHILE STATED THAT OFFER "WAS NOT TAKEN SERIOUSLY" BY GOM, ADDING THAT SINCE THERE HAD BEEN NO FORMAL PROPOSAL BY CHILEAN GOVERNMENT THERE WOULD BE NO FORMAL MEXICAN RESPONSE.

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3. CONFIRMING PINOCHET'S OWN PREDICTIONS (REFTEL), CHILEAN EXILE COMMUNITY HERE WAS REPORTEDLY ABSORBED IN DEBATE OVER WHETHER 200 PRISONERS WOULD INCLUDE ALMEYDA AND LAURA ALLENDE OR WOULD MERELY CONSIST OF "LOWER LEVEL" NEWSMEN, RADIO COMMENTATORS, ETC. WHO HAD BEEN ALLENDE SYMPATHIZERS.

4. INFLUENTIAL LEFTIST DAILY EXCELSIOR EXPRESSED STRONG EDITORIAL SUPPORT FOR GOM REACTION TO "CINSOLENT" PINOCHET OFFER AND BERATED CHILEANS FOR TRYING TO PUT GOM IN EMBARRASSING POSITION OVER ASYLUM PRINCIPLE. HOWEVER, EXCELSIOR THEN WENT A BIT FURTHER AND SUGGESTED THAT OFFER WAS IN FACT AN "OPPORTUNITY" FOR MEXICO TO DEMONSTRATE ITS OWN MAGNANIMITY AND TURN TABLES ON PINOCHET BY SENDING WORD THAT IT WOULD INDEED BE WILLING TO ACCEPT PRISONERS IF PROPOSAL WERE DULY FORMALIZED THROUGH PROPER DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS. EDITORIAL ADDED THAT MEXICO COULD ALSO PUT ITS PRINCIPLES INTO PRACTICE -- UNILATERALLY -- BY OFFERING ASYLUM TO SIXTEEN CHILEANS RECENTLY DEPORTED FROM HONDURAS AND NOW "WANDERING AIMLESSLY AROUND CENTRAL AMERICA". JOVA

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